

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 46th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 46 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 49)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off east side of York Road (MD 45)/PA 182, between Freeland Road
(MD 409) and PA LR-66219

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 2 / PA: 19

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Baltimore / PA: York

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS N/A

PRESENT USE

☐ DISTRICT☒ PUBLIC☐ OCCUPIED☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ BUILDING(S)☐ PRIVATE☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ STRUCTURE☐ BOTH☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☒ OBJECT☐ IN PROCESS☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ BEING CONSIDERED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ NO☐ MILITARY☒ OTHER: state

boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

STREET & NUMBER

Telephone #:

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION N/A
(see surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Baltimore County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

BA-1565 entered 3/8/79

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Baltimore County Office of Planning, County Courts Building

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE
Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 46(49), now only a 4" stub above ground, marks Mason and Dixon's 46th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. The top 12" or so was broken off and disappeared around the early 1960's, and its whereabouts has not yet been accounted for. The portion remaining, including another some 2' below ground, is an original milestone of 1766, at an original site, preliminarily surveyed in July 1765, during a period when Mason and Dixon had set up a temporary astronomical observatory (between mile 45 and 46), a potential archeological site as yet not investigated.

The area here is still predominantly farmland, gently rolling, with the small village of Maryland Line immediately to the south. The site is located about midway between York Road and I-83, in a cultivated, unfenced field, about ½ mile north of the center of the village, and about 2½ miles south-southeast of the town of Shrewsbury, PA; about 1000' north of Freeland Road (MD 409) and about 1000' south of PA LR-66219, at a point about 500' east of York Road. It cannot be seen from York Road, and seldom from I-83 except when vegetation is dormant. What is left of the monument above ground is unprotected from farm machinery and greatly endangered.

The original milestone was reset at the original site in 1902, at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, and stood about 1½' above ground, surrounded by a concrete collar/ ^{below ground} at that time. Only the 4" stub and some of the collar, now partially exposed, remain visible. It is in place, still firmly set, in fair condition, with only bits of fluting and no margins or other embellishments remaining. The north side facing Pennsylvania measures about 11¼" wide; the east side about 11¼" wide; the south side facing Maryland about 11¼" wide; and the west side about 11½" wide. The top 12" or so with the letters P and M is missing, along with the USC&GS triangulation station metal disk which had been set into its apex in 1933. The surfaces are weatherworn and chipped.

(For additional descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and method used by the 1900-03 Resurvey for resetting, see the Thematic Group National Register nomination form.)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	— ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	— COMMUNITY PLANNING	— LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	— RELIGION
— 1400-1499	— ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	— CONSERVATION	— LAW	— SCIENCE
— 1500-1599	— AGRICULTURE	— ECONOMICS	— LITERATURE	— SCULPTURE
— 1600-1699	— ARCHITECTURE	— EDUCATION	— MILITARY	— SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	— ART	— ENGINEERING	— MUSIC	— THEATER
X 1800-1899	— COMMERCE	X EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	— PHILOSOPHY	— TRANSPORTATION
— 1900-	— COMMUNICATIONS	— INDUSTRY	X POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY)
		— INVENTION		boundary surveying

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902)

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SURVEYORS

Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (see the Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

Milestone No. 46(49) is significant, even with most of its above-ground top missing, as one of the 111 original Mason and Dixon milestones still standing along the West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, notable for its historical impact and innovative boundary survey methods. The site was surveyed and preliminarily marked in July of 1765, a time when they also set up a temporary astronomical observation post in the vicinity between miles 45 and 46 (as yet not investigated as an archeological site). The milestone was set in the following year, where the stub remains today, one of 10 original milestones yet marking the present Baltimore/York county boundary, which together and individually are of local significance as among the diminishing number of objects and structures with an identifiable relationship to our colonial heritage.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see the Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See National Register thematic group nomination form.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

UTM: 18.35804.439789

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY York

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer historic sites surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

1/19/80 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

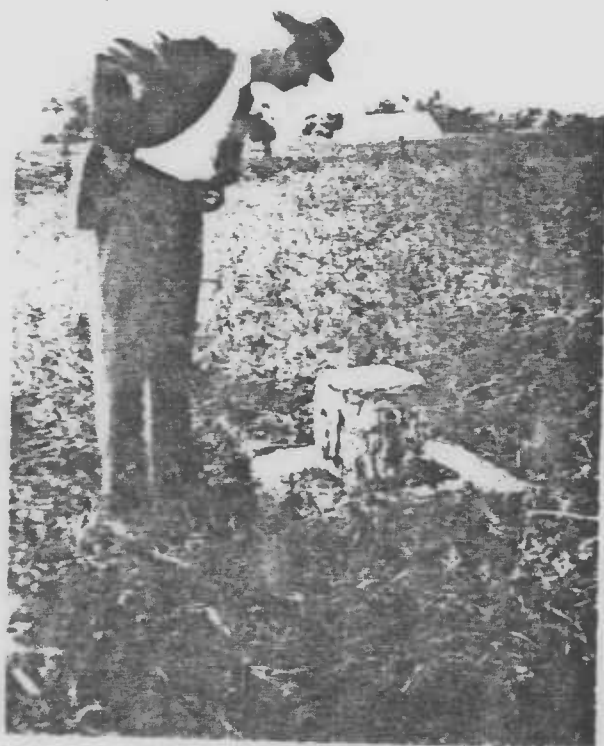
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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(301) 267-1438

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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE NO. 46 (49)

Sincerely,

Miss Madeline Fleming



NE CORNER & MR. FLEMING (?)
PHOTO: MADELINE FLEMING (C. 3/68)

snapshot enclosed with letter to Miss Jill Myers, R.D. 1, Brodbeck, Pa.
dated 3/1/68 from Miss Madeline C. Fleming, 334 W. Market St., York, PA 17401
(letter & photo now in library file of the Historical Society of York County, York, PA)

NEW FREEDOM QUADRANGLE, USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NW 1/4 PARKTON 15' QUADRANGLE

MASON & DIXON WEST LINE MILESTONE 46 (49)

359 900 000 FEET (MD.) 1958 360 SCALE 1"=2000'

LOGANVILLE 7.8 MI.
SHREWSBURY 1.3 MI.

YORK 16 MI.

STEWARTSTOWN 4.2 MI.
TOLNA 1 MI.

56° 37' 30" N
STEWART

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4400

4399

690 000 FEET
(MD.)

1566: ME

1565: ME

1564: ME

991: ME

992: ME

993: ME

994: ME

4397

631: ME

182: ME

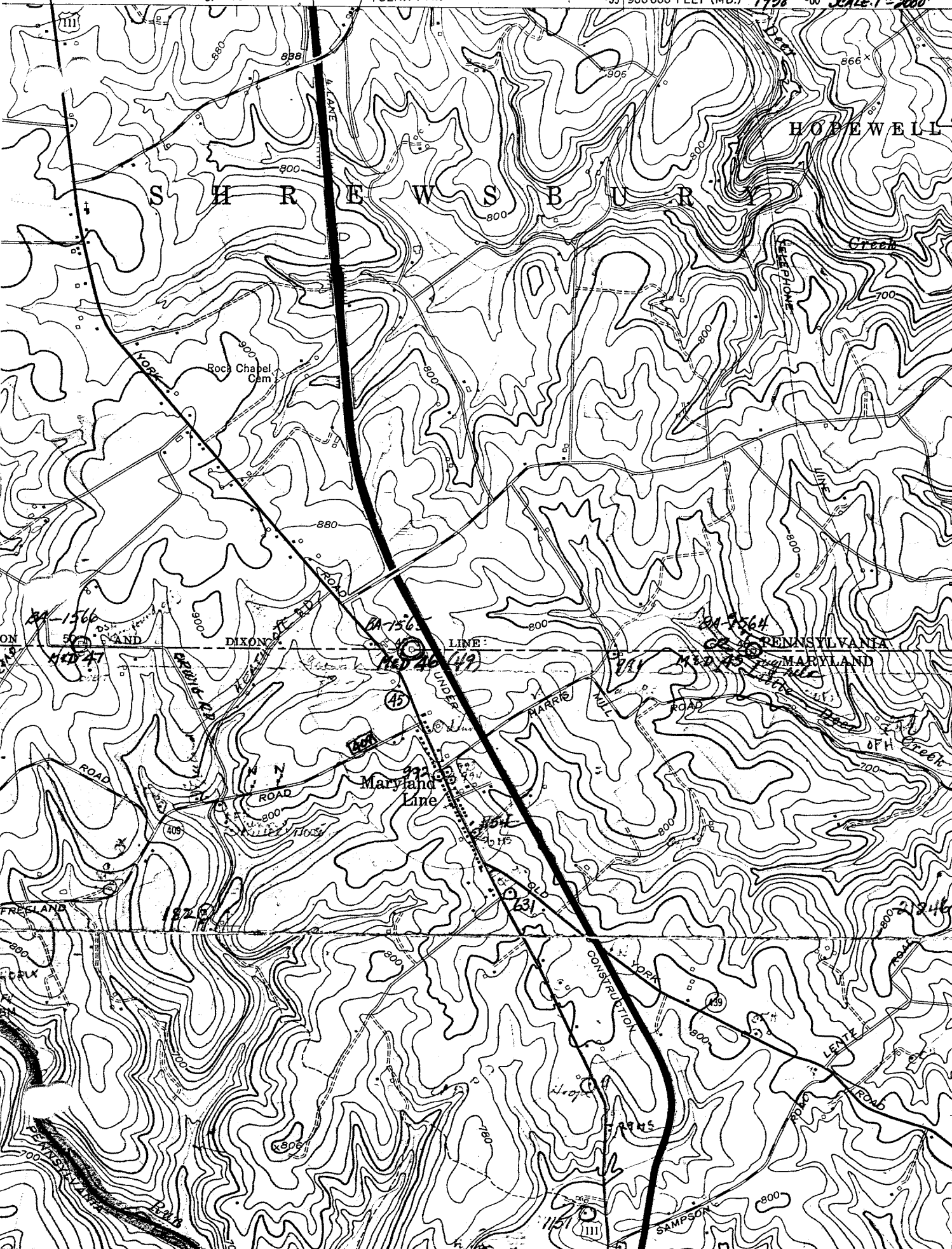
42' 30"

4396

SHANE 2.8 MI.
5.9 MI. TO MD. 23

1364: ME

1151: BL





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MASON DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO 46(49), NE CORNER

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 1/19/80 (1980.2.14)

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MASON & DAVID WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 46(49) SW CORNER
LOOKING NE TOWARD I-83
(TOP 2/3 OF STONE MISSING)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 1/19/80 (1980-2.12)